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SUBJECT: JET FUEL PRICES

REF: CANBERRA 6911

1. CONGEN DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY SOURCES DISCLOSE
THAT QANTAS HAS AWARDED CONTRACTS TO SHELL AND ESSO TO
SUPPLY JET FUEL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, AT PRICES WELL

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BELOW THOSE CONTRACTED FOR BY CATHAY PACIFIC A FEW WEEKS

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2. QANTAS TENDERED FRO SUPPLY OF JET FUEL AND RECEIVED BIDS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS WITH A GENERAL COST CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN REPUTED US 32 CENTS PER US GALLON BEING PAID BY CATHAY.

3. ON OCTOEBR 28 THE QANTAS BOARD VOTED TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO SHELL AND ESSO BASED ON THEIR LOW BIDS OF SOMETHING LESS THAN US 20 CENTS PER US GALLON. THEY ALSO VOTED TO IGNORE MINSTER REX CONNOR'S EARLIER PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT. SIR LENNOX HEWITT, CONNOR'S NUMBER TWO IN THE MINISTRY, WHO ALSO SITS ON THE QANTAS BOARD, ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.

4. COMMENT: TRADE SOURCES SAY THAT CONNOR, ALTHOUGH ANGRY AT THIS ACTION, DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE PREVENTED ITS IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY OR ANY WORD IN THE MARKET, AND NO ACTUAL PROOF THAT FUEL HAS BEEN DELIVERED AT THIS LOWER PRICE. CONGEN WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN ADDITIONAL DETAILS OBTAINED.
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